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AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings:

FIGURES 3, 4, and 10-12 have been amended as shown in the marked copies of the figures and replacement originals. Applicants respectfully request the approval of the Examiner to enter the drawing changes. No new matter has been added to the drawings.

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 7, line 34 has been amended to read as follows:

A preferred embodiment of a method for portioning foodstuffs in accordance with the present invention is shown in FIGURE 1. The method starts at 100 and includes the step 102 of scanning the foodstuff to be portioned. Followed by the step 103 of generating a three dimensional map of the foodstuff. Input 106 depicting a form of a predetermined shape is compared with the map, and a cutting path is determined in step 104 comparing the generated three dimensional map of the foodstuff with one or more desired shapes which are stored in the memory of a computer. Following is a step 108 of cutting the foodstuff in one direction to fix at least one dimension of the foodstuff. Followed by a decision-making step 110 of determining

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